

REMARKS

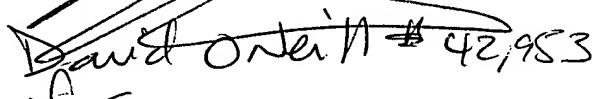
The abstract, specification, and claims 1-3 have been amended in accordance with the Examiner's recommendations. Claims 4-22 have been allowed. Applicant respectfully requests withdrawal of the Examiner's objections as set forth the Office Action, and request full allowance of same.

While it is believed that the foregoing amendment places the Application in condition for allowance, should the Examiner have any further comments or suggestions, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner contact the undersigned to expeditiously resolve any outstanding issues.

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